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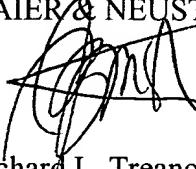
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**Amendment and Request for Reconsideration;**  
**Information Disclosure Statement;**  
**PTO Form 1449;**  
**Cited References (14);**  
**List of Related Cases;**  
**Cited Pending Applications (2);**  
**French Preliminary Search Report from Related Application; and**  
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